

Kingdom Investments

under the American Board

for Churches, Young People's Societies
Sunday Schools and Individuals



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Something Long Desired

Have you sometimes wished that your church might have its own work on the foreign mission field? The whole mission world is so large, so many different lands, races, customs. Have you not often wished that you could focus your thoughts and prayers and gifts on some particular country? From which you might receive reports from time to time?

You are one of many. There is an increasing demand for **definite investments** in our foreign mission work, on the part of churches, organized groups within the churches and individuals. This plan of

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has been worked out to meet this demand, especially for those who are unable to provide the sum necessary for a missionary salary, and still desire to have the advantage of definiteness and close personal touch. Here is something tangible for givers whose loyalty to the cause perhaps cannot be measured in three figures or more. Their hearts are right if their giving ability is limited.

An Improved Station Plan

For several years the American Board has had what was known as **The Station Plan**, which has operated with considerable success. The plan is now revised, expanded, and strengthened, we believe, by doing away with the emphasis upon a single station and broadening the investment to include various phases of work in a whole mission field or country.

Four Rich Opportunities

The fields now open for investment are **China, India, Africa,** and the **Philippines**. A special folder on each of these fields will present the budget and detailed facts about the work. In general, in each field investors will be offered a share in a budget including churches, village and higher schools, hospitals and dispensaries, agricultural and industrial work, and portions of salaries of missionaries. We now offer the following blocks: \$20,000 in **China**,—awakened, eager; \$20,000 in **India**,—stirring, rising; \$10,000 in **Africa**,—still yearning for the light; \$10,000 in the **Philippines**,—American, but not yet Christian. As soon as these are taken up other blocks will be offered.

Shares of Convenient Amount

Shares are \$25 apiece. Some churches or groups or individuals will be able to subscribe for more than one share, investing in one or more fields. An attractive certificate, indicating the field and the number of shares held, will be sent to each subscribing group or individual.

The Advantages of this Plan

It is **definite**. It gives the investor his own work abroad.

The gift helps the American Board to meet its pledged appropriation to the field chosen.

Every gift counts on the Apportionment of the Church.

The plan is exceedingly useful for a church which has difficulty in raising its Apportionment. By subscribing for one or more shares of

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and using our literature on the subject, you should be able to raise not only your foreign missionary money, but your entire Apportionment.

It affords close personal touch with the field and its work. Three reports a year will be sent shareholders, telling them the latest news from the field ; reporting new situations and the progress of the work.

The Way to Get In

Does the plan attract you? Then send for the folder about the field in which you are especially interested. If you are an individual investor the choice of field rests with you alone. But for churches, or organized groups within churches, the matter should be considered by the missionary committee and presented with recommendation to the whole interested body. Folders on each of the four fields will be sent if desired. A program on each country is available and may be used effectively to arouse interest in the field recommended. After the choice has been made appoint one person to be the Correspondent for your group. To that person the Board will send the report letters and any other communications.

Some Possible Investors

Churches may vote the entire amount of their American Board Apportionment, or a portion of it only, to this definite piece of work.

In making the Every Member Canvass or in following other methods of raising the benevolences, great gain will come through the concreteness of the foreign missionary appeal. It will lift up the presentation from a distracting generality. This interest can be conserved by special services to broaden the knowledge of their field. Series of mid-week meetings may be devoted to an intensive study. Interest and prayers as well as gifts will gradually acquire a particular and new force.

Young People's Societies or other organized groups may vote a certain sum, or, if sharing in the Apportionment Plan of the Church, may assign the American Board's portion of the group's benevolence budget to this investment.

Sunday Schools. For several years the American Board has offered a definite investment each fall, in connection with its educational material for the Sunday Schools. These investments vary from

year to year and have **two special advantages**:—(1) investment in a field about which the schools have been studying for a period of weeks, (2) varied interests throughout a period of years. It is possible, however, that in some schools there may be a preference for a more permanent investment to which the school will contribute year after year. To such schools, this new investment plan is suggested. Even in schools which, as a whole, follow the plan of changing their investment from year to year there may be Sunday School classes which would like to share in **Kingdom Investments** in addition. Such a course is feasible.

Many **individuals** who wish to enjoy personal participation in this work will find one or more shares of these

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a particularly happy possession. They will also receive the quarterly news letters and thus have the joy of an increasing interest in the special part of the Kingdom where their investment is made.

In a Word, Then

This is the new plan superseding our Station Plan. It is to be known as

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The shares of \$25.00 each are offered to Churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's organizations and individuals,—in fact, any person or group that desires a definite country in the foreign mission field for investment of its money, its thought and its prayers.

Investment opportunities in the work in four countries are offered: **800 shares in China, 800 shares in India, 400 shares in Africa, 400 shares in the Philippines.**

All such investments will count on the apportionment of your church.

Quarterly letters will be sent to investors giving the latest news from the fields in which their investments are made.

Will the Plan Succeed?

It depends in part upon the Board's making the work really interesting to you through the regular reports. But it depends also upon *you*. Please do not enter this plan unless you intend to carry your subscription for at least three years. We desire a large degree of permanency in these lists. A subscription is not a legal obligation. It is, however, an expression of earnest purpose to continue in the support of the work.

Payments may be made quarterly, semi-annually or annually to FREDERICK A. GASKINS, *Treasurer*, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. Always state that the gift is for **Kingdom Investments**

in _____ (*always indicate the country*).

**WRITE TO US ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE MISSIONARY COUNTRY, THE AMOUNT OF
YOUR APPORTIONMENT FOR THE BOARD, AND THE NUMBER OF SHARES YOU MIGHT
LIKE TO TAKE. WE WISH TO BE HELPFUL AND WE WISH YOUR HELP.**

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